

SEEN BY THE SUN OF LATE

J. D. Shaw of Madison, who has purchased 45,000 acres of timber land near Luraville, and leased 6,000 acres more in the same section, will engage in the manufacture of naval stores on an extensive scale.

Live Oak citizens stood strong for bonds at the recent election, and will easily dispose of the bond issue at a price above par. In fact, from all over the United States inquiries are being already made as to the bond issue, indicative of the fact that there will be more than several bidders.

The Sumter County Times has commenced the issue of its twenty-third volume. For the past seven years the Times has been under the present management, and has been greatly improved. It is now housed in its own building, and the appointments and arrangements are conceded to be the best of any country newspaper in Florida.

At Carrabelle the citizens are interested in the necessity of deep water, inasmuch as Captain Cavanaugh and others will be at Carrabelle, December 11, to investigate that city's claim for an appropriation to deepen the harbor.

State Engineer J. W. Newman, with his headquarters at Fort Lauderdale, is engaged in a survey of both forks of New River, to locate the route for the canal to be cut through the Everglades to Lake Okeechobee. By means of this canal thousands of acres of valuable lands will be drained and reclaimed by the State.

In West Florida the work on the new railroads is being rushed all it will stand, especially so in the case of the Apalachicola Northern, the Quincy and Chattahoochee connections building southward, and those at Apalachicola building northward. Before Christmas the line grade and all fills will be completed between Apalachicola and St. Joseph Bay. January 1 the G. F. & A. spur track will be completed from Hinson to Quincy, which line will open up and develop one of the finest tobacco growing sections to be found anywhere.

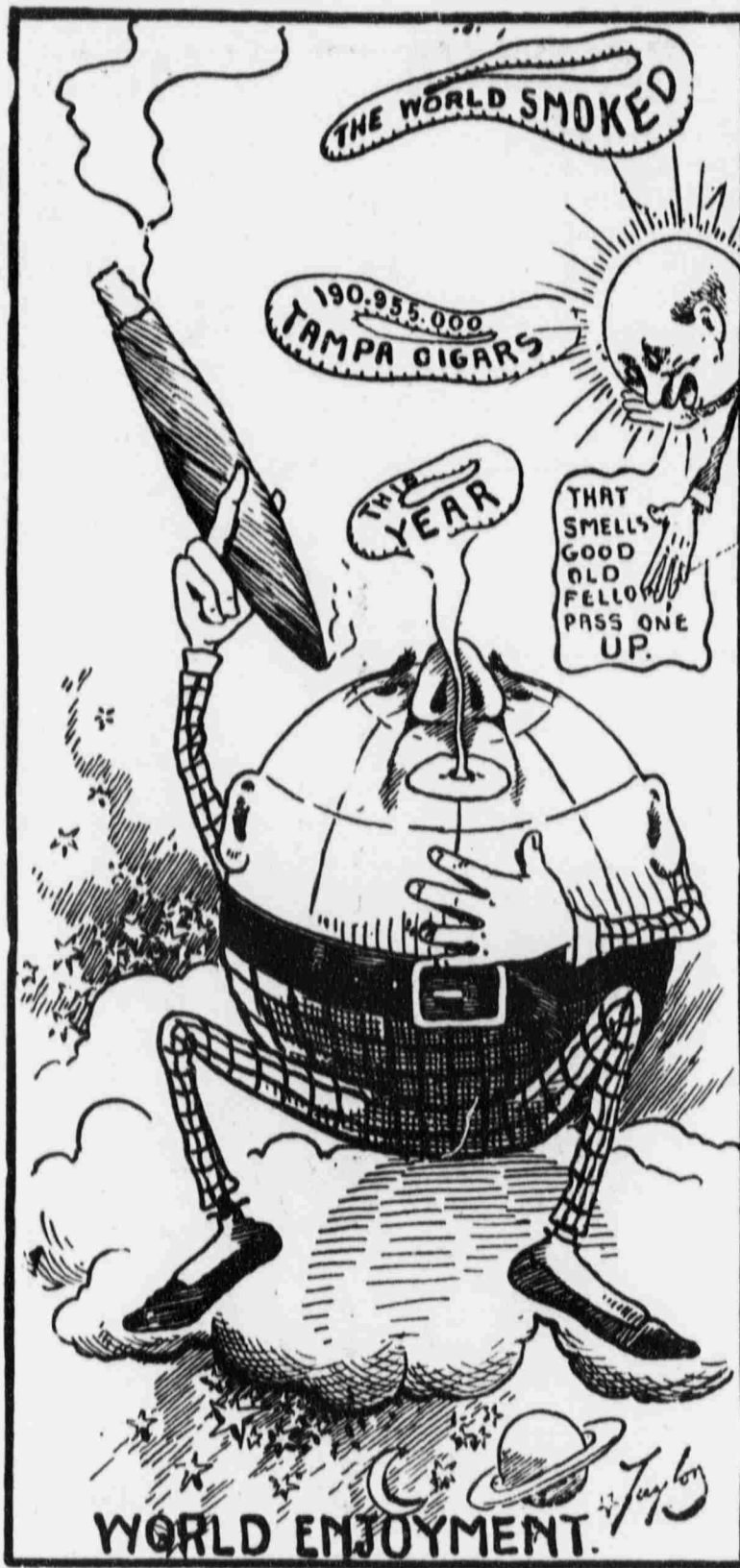
It is estimated that the lettuce crop in this State will be fully as large as last year, though the tomato output will be materially cut down, truck farmers planting less of this vegetable this year than ever before. The pineapple growers along the east coast have every reason to feel hopeful over the situation, as the plants are now in excellent condition, and next season's crop promises to be very good.

St. Petersburg is to have a new and complete directory, the work on which is now in the hands of the St. Petersburg Times, which means that the publication will be a fine production. The directory is to be ready for the winter visitors.

Large property owners and prominent citizens of St. Lucie County are interested in bonding the county, this proposition being under serious discussion. The good results noticed in other sections where bonding has been resorted to, has made those who have St. Lucie's interest at heart determined to give the bonding movement a strong impetus and bring about its adoption. Just watch St. Lucie jump and grow when she gets bonds.

Efforts will soon be made to have the St. Marys river improved so that it will be navigable the greater part of its length. Fertile and productive lands on the Georgia and Florida sides of the St. Marys remain idle by reason of the fact that there are no shipping facilities. The shoals of the river need dredging and trees and snags need removal from the upper river as far as Boliver Hill. The river has never had any appropriation for its improvement, and on account of the crying need of a navigable stream stress is to be brought on Congress. The Fernandina Board of Trade is very active in this proposition.

The Theater Bernhardt is one of the new propositions for New York City. The theater, to be named after the famous French actress, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, will cost \$300,000. It will be one of the finest theaters in New York, and Madame Bernhardt, who will have an interest in it, will play an inaugural engagement in the new house, which is to be completed by next year. Therefore the inference is that the present "farewell tour" of Madame Bernhardt is not such after all, at least not as far as New York City is concerned.



Thus far the shipments for the year of cigars from Tampa show an increase of twenty million over the shipments for the corresponding term of last year. Recently 5,600,000 cigars were shipped in one week. It is estimated that with the output of this week there will have been shipped as many cigars, 196,500,000, as was the output for the year 1904.

Citrus fruits are now going forward at a rapid rate, and big, heavy shipments will be in order to meet the heavy holiday trade demands of the North, West and other sections. The fruits are now ripe and in fine juice and flavor, sustaining Florida's reputation for the finest citrus fruits in the market.

Jacksonville Dam, No. 23, Independent Order of Beavers, is considering the advisability of the purchase of river front property on which to build a dam. The structure is to be sufficiently large and adequate for a meeting room in which the elaborate initiatory ceremonies are to be conducted, while at the same time all the accommodations and requisites are to be provided for that a clubhouse will demand. A particular feature will be a boathouse and dock, where launches, rowboats, sailing boats and yachts may be kept. The outlook is most encouraging for the culmination of this proposition of the Beavers.

Baptists ended a fight of a hundred years when they settled differences over open and close communion, for no longer will there be close communion in the Baptist denomination. After an existence of more than a century, beginning in New England, its recognition ceased Wednesday, when representatives of three national organizations—the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, the American Baptist Missionary Society and the Baptist Publication Society—met in the Lee Avenue Baptist Church, Lee Avenue and Keap Street, Williamsburg, N. Y. The action of the conference recalls the time in 1871, when the late Rev. John Hyatt Smith of the Lee Avenue Church, now Payton's Theater, who afterward became a Representative in Congress, was, with his church, excluded from the Long Island Baptist Association because he believed in open communion. The congregation struggled along for years before it was forced to disband.

At the close of the convention of the American Federation of Labor, held last week in Pittsburg, a resolution to restrict immigration in the United

States and its possessions was presented. It showed that over 1,000,000 immigrants had landed in this country last year, and were now filling our charitable institutions and hospitals. It alleged that the present immigration laws were inadequate and demanded from Congress the enactment of suitable laws excluding undesirable persons from this country. It asked that only ports on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts be the places for accepting European immigration.

Marion County decided to stay wet. So say the returns from the vote on the dry and wet question, the election being held Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Charles Lee Mercer has been formally inaugurated as president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga. He said that with filial devotion Mercer University has served, and will continue to serve, the Commonwealth. But as a child of the State, it looked to the State for deserved recognition and equitable treatment. It made no request for public funds—it merely asked to be protected against the establishment of an unfair State competition, which would take from the young men of Georgia an incentive to individual initiative and self-help. Any form of aid which tended to influence its recipients to look to the government rather than to their own efforts for support and advancement, he said, should not be tolerated by an enlightened public.

Nathan Meyer Shaikewitz Schomer is dead. This fact is of no particular significance to the English reading public, but to Hebrews of high and low degree it is of the greatest importance. Schomer was the friend of all Jews and their best known author and dramatist. His death has caused universal mourning among his people. Shaikewitz, who was better known by his pen name of Schomer, wrote so many novels that he himself could not remember all of them. Some of the work he did in Russia was resurrected after his popularity became great here. All his plays seemed to be successful. He was called a realist, and it seemed to be equally easy for him to make people laugh or cry. That he has not left a fortune behind him was the fault of himself and his unwillingness to be bothered by business details. His play, *The Jewish Emigrants*, made more money for its producers than any other play ever put on the Yiddish stage in New York City. Schomer sold that play outright for \$500. The buyers of it cleared \$30,000 up to a year ago, and the play is still on the boards. Next to this play the two most successful ones were *Haman the Second*, a historical comedy, and *The Golden County*, a satirical comedy on Jewish professional life in New York City. Schomer became too ill to work nine months ago. Up to that time he was one of the hardest worked writers that ever lived. He has written over three hundred novels and plays, and in addition he found time to write considerable poetry. That his writings were of a high character is evidenced by the title his readers conferred upon him. They called him "the Yiddish Dumas."

Inquisitor Hughes of the insurance investigating committee has brought to light hidden syndicate deals. With them was revealed the fact that "Judge Andy" Hamilton, lobbyist, had gotten \$59,310 of the \$87,187 profits due to the New York Life in one deal. It was the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. that paid this money. From Milton M. Madison, a book-keeper of the New York Life, Mr. Hughes wrung this startling information. Incidentally he proved that the list of syndicate deals previously furnished by the company are incomplete, and it is up to President McCall and Vice-President George W. Perkins to explain. It was also developed that the participation in the syndicate of the New York Life was effected through the New York Security and Trust Company, by which one-fourth of the profits of the former company were retained.

The John B. Stetson University football team has won the football championship of the State of Florida. Its team played an intercollegiate schedule, also the strong Jacksonville team, and was not scored on in a single game. The Stetson baseball team last spring won the baseball championship, winning fifteen out of sixteen games played. The Times-Union has presented the champions with a trophy cup.

The Japanese are restive, as the prolongation of martial law leads to much opposition. The agitation against the Government for its non-abrogation of martial law and its suppression of the liberties of the press is gaining strength at Tokio. Many sympathizers with the opposition party can be found, even among the members of the House of Peers.